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Request for Reconsideration after Final Action To the Commissioner for Trademarks:

Application serial no. **86087693** has been amended as follows:

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In response to the substantive refusal(s), please note the following:

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Evidence in the nature of Arguments and citations in support of application with identified supporting evidence. has been attached.

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The applicant is filing a Notice of Appeal in conjunction with this Request for Reconsideration.

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Trademark Law Office: 117
Serial No.: 86/087,693
Mark: SMARTSPACE

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Panoramic Interests, LLC	Attorney Docket No. 91253-106
Serial No.:	86/087,693	Trademark Attorney: Jillian R. Cantor
Filed:	October 9, 2013	Law Office: 117
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Seattle, Washington 98101

February 6, 2015

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRADEMARKS:

In the Office Action mailed August 6, 2014, the Examining Attorney has made Final the refusal of registration of Applicant's mark SMARTSPACE on the ground that Applicant's mark is likely to be confused with the mark SMART SPACE SYSTEM claimed by U.S. Registration No. 3,090,815 in violation of Section 2(d) of the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. §1052(d). Applicant respectfully requests that the Examining Attorney reconsider and withdraw the refusal of registration, and presents the following arguments and information in support of this request.

I. There is no likelihood of confusion between Applicant's mark and the mark SMART SPACE SYSTEM claimed by cited U.S. Registrations No. 3090815

The cited registration does not bar this application. Applicant's mark SMARTSPACE creates a commercial impression distinct from Registrant's mark SMART SPACE SYSTEM, because the marks differ in appearance, sound, and meaning. Moreover, Applicant's claimed goods are in class 20 for "furniture," while Registrant's goods are in class 19 for "cellular vinyl PVC system comprising interlocking wall panels and boards for organizing and hanging tools, sports equipment, garden equipment, household items or other items." These goods are not

confusingly similar, because they are unrelated, not competitive, and can be easily distinguished by consumers in the marketplace.

A. Applicant's claimed goods are not competitive with Registrant's goods and are easily distinguished in the marketplace

The Trademark Office has recognized in subsequently filed U.S. Application Serial No. 86/188,217 owned by HNI Technologies, Inc. that registration of the mark SMARTSPACE for furniture is not barred by cited Registration No. 3,090,815.¹ Because U.S. Registration No. 3,090,815 for the mark SMART SPACE SYSTEM was not cited against HNI's Application Serial No. 86/188,217, that application would likely move forward to registration if this request for reconsideration and appeal is denied. This result is not only manifestly unfair, but expressly contrary to the policies and intentions that formed the basis of the Consistency Initiative explained at http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/notices/consistency_permanent.jsp. The denial of this request for reconsideration and withdrawal of the refusal of registration of Application Serial No. 86/087,693 would yield the odd and inequitable result that Applicant would be denied registration of the same mark claimed by a subsequently filed application for Applicant's goods.

Applicant's claimed goods are "furniture," which is defined as "chairs, tables, beds, etc., that are used to make a room ready for use." *Merriam-Webster Online*, 'furniture,' <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/furniture> (*submitted herewith*). In contrast, U.S. Registration No. 3,090,815 claims "cellular vinyl pvc system comprising interlocking wall panels and boards *for organizing and hanging tools, sports equipment, garden equipment, household items or other items.*" (emphasis added) The claimed products are clearly

¹ U.S. Application Serial No. 86/188,217 filed by HNI Technologies Inc. on February 7, 2014 seeks registration of the mark SMARTSPACE for "office furniture." Said application is suspended pending disposition of Applicant's U.S. Application Serial No. 86/087,693. However, U.S. Application Serial No. 86/188,217 filed by HNI Technologies Inc. has not been refused registration based on Registration No. 3,090,815. See Notice of Suspension *submitted herewith*.

organizational in nature and not intended to function as furniture. Continuation of the refusal of registration is therefore comparable to refusing registration of an application claiming furniture based on prior registration of a mark for storage boxes. The actual use of the mark SMART SPACE SYSTEM by Registrant, *Royal Building Products*, can be viewed on the promotional material submitted herewith and is page 34 of the brochure found online at <http://www.royalbuildingproducts.com/uploadedFiles/Never-Rot-Exterior-Mouldings-Trim-Brochure.pdf?n=9741>. The claimed PVC systems are clearly wall organization products for hanging tools, sports equipment, garden equipment and household items and are not furniture.

Even if Registrant's PVC system and Applicant's furniture are sold in the same stores, consumers will not be confused by the use of the respective marks on these distinct products. *Lever Bros. Co. v. Winzer Co. of Dallas*, 51 C.C.P.A. 930, 326 F.2d 817, 140 U.S.P.Q. 247 (1964) (Applicant's VIE for dishwashing detergent was not likely to cause confusion with senior user's VIM for laundry detergent, even though they were both sold in supermarkets.); *Hot Shot Quality Products, Inc. v. Sifers Chemicals, Inc.*, 452 F.2d 1080, 172 U.S.P.Q. 350 (10th Cir. 1971) (both HOT SHOT insecticide and SPOT SHOT stain remover sold in aerosol cans in supermarkets: no likelihood of confusion); *Lever Bros. Co. v. American Bakeries Co.*, 693 F.2d 251, 258, 216 U.S.P.Q. 177 (2d Cir. 1982) (No likely confusion between defendant's AUTUMN GRAIN for bread and plaintiff's AUTUMN margarine. "Here ... no side-by-side sales could possibly occur, since margarine must be placed in refrigerated compartments, and bread is not.").

B. SMARTSPACE and SMART SPACE SYSTEM are different in appearance, sound, and meaning

The factors set forth in *In re E.I. duPont DeNemours & Co.*, 476 F.2d 1357, 1361, 177 U.S.P.Q. 563 (C.C.P.A. 1973) are relevant in determining whether there is a likelihood of

confusion. *See also* TMEP § 1207.01(b). The first duPont factor considers the similarity or dissimilarity of the marks in their entireties as to appearance, sound, connotation and commercial impression, by comparing the marks and the goods or services. The fact that two marks contain “identical, even dominant, words in common does not automatically mean that two marks are similar.” *General Mills*, 824 F.2d at 627 (preliminary injunction denied to prevent use of OATMEAL RAISIN CRISP despite prior registration and use of APPLE RAISIN CRISP). It is well settled that marks, when compared, must be considered in their entireties and not simply to determine what points they have in common or in which they may differ. *Giant Food, Inc. v. Nation’s Foodservice, Inc.*, 710 F.2d 1565, 218 USPQ 390, 395 (Fed. Cir. 1983). This involves looking at the practicalities of the commercial world and the realities of the marketplace. *See MTD Products Inc. v. Universal Tire Corp.*, 193 U.S.P.Q. 56, 59 (TTAB 1976) (finding no likelihood of confusion between COLUMBIA for passenger automobile tires and COLUMBIA for wheeled products bearing rubber tires including, bicycles, tricycles, road hauling tractors, and motorized all-terrain vehicles).

SMARTSPACE and SMART SPACE SYSTEM are markedly different in appearance, sound, and meaning. The addition of the word “system” in Registrant’s mark also has a material impact on the connotation created by the mark because it changes the meaning of the literal words. The dictionary definition of “system” is a “manner of classifying, symbolizing or schematizing;” a “set of connected things or parts forming a complex whole;” a part of a “mechanism or interconnecting network;” or a “method.” *See Merriam-Webster Online*, ‘system,’ <http://www.merriam-webster.com/medical/system> ; *Oxford Dictionary Online*, ‘system,’ http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/us/definition/american_english/system?searchDictCode=all.

(Both supporting definitions submitted herewith.) This same meaning is not created by SMARTSPACE, because there is nothing in the words comprising the mark to suggest a “system” as conveyed by Registrant’s mark. The identification as a “system” is the significant aspect in Registrant’s mark, because consumers will recognize that the words suggest the nature of the goods identified i.e., interlocking pvc components that form an organizing system.

C. **Because SMARTSPACE and SMART SPACE SYSTEM have entirely different meanings, they produce distinct commercial impressions**

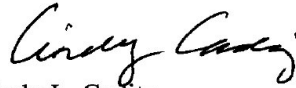
The addition of the word “system” in the mark SMART SPACE SYSTEM used with PVC organizing products creates a separate and distinct commercial impression from that created by the mark SMARTSPACE for furniture. The Trademark Office has acknowledged that an additional term can create a mark that produces a distinct commercial impression. *See, e.g., Lever Brothers Company v. The Barcolene Company*, 463 F.2d 1107, 1108, 59 C.C.P.A. 1162 (C.C.P.A. 1972) (ALL and ALL CLEAR! create different commercial impressions); *Shen Manufacturing Co., Inc. v. The Ritz Hotel Limited.*, 393 F.3d 1238, 1245, 73 USPQ2d 1350 (Fed. Cir. 2004) (RITZ and THE RITZ KIDS create different commercial impressions). Even a descriptive term like may play a significant role in distinguishing the marks overall. *The Murray Corp. of America v. Red Spot Paint and Varnish Co., Inc.*, 280 F.2d 168, 47 C.C.P.A. 1152, 126 USPQ 390, 392 (C.C.P.A. 1960). Thus, SMARTSPACE and SMART SPACE SYSTEM as used with distinct products create two distinct commercial impressions, and consumers are not likely to be confused between them.

II. Conclusion

For all of the foregoing reasons, registration of Applicant's mark SMARTSPACE for furniture is not likely to cause confusion among customers in violation of Section 2(d) of the Lanham Act.

Applicant respectfully requests that the refusal of registration based on Section 2(d) of the Trademark Act be withdrawn and that this application be allowed to proceed to publication.

Respectfully submitted,
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SUSPENSION NOTICE: NO RESPONSE NEEDED

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The trademark examining attorney is suspending action on the application for the reason(s) stated below.
See 37 C.F.R. §2.67; TMEP §§716 et seq.

The effective filing date of the pending application(s) identified below precedes the filing date of applicant's application. If the mark in the referenced application(s) registers, applicant's mark may be refused registration under Section 2(d) because of a likelihood of confusion with that registered mark(s). *See 15 U.S.C. §1052(d); 37 C.F.R. §2.83; TMEP §§1208 et seq.* Therefore, action on this application is suspended until the earlier-filed referenced application(s) is either registered or abandoned. 37 C.F.R. §2.83(c). A copy of information relevant to this referenced application(s) is attached.

- Application Serial No(s). 86087693

REFUSAL(S)/REQUIREMENT(S) CONTINUED AND MAINTAINED: The following refusal(s)/requirement(s) is/are continued and maintained:

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Likelihood of Confusion: maintained and repeated

Registration of the applied-for mark is refused because of a likelihood of confusion with the mark in U.S. Registration Nos. 2734711. Trademark Act Section 2(d), 15 U.S.C. §1052(d); see TMEP §§1207.01 et seq. See the enclosed registration.

The applicant applied to register the mark: "SMARTSPACE" for furniture in Int. class 20.

The registered mark(s) is: U.S. Registration No. 2734711 "SMARTSPACE" for ready to assemble home office furniture in Int. class 20.

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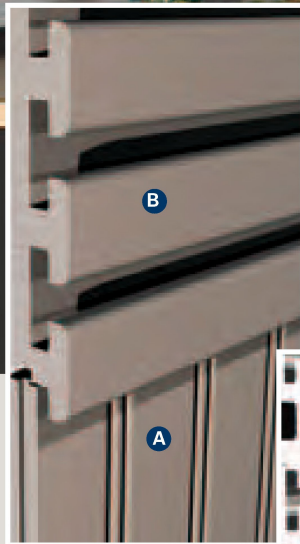
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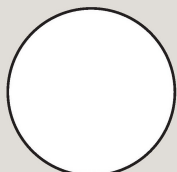
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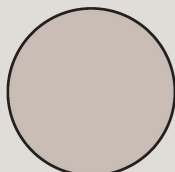
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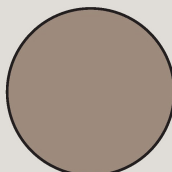
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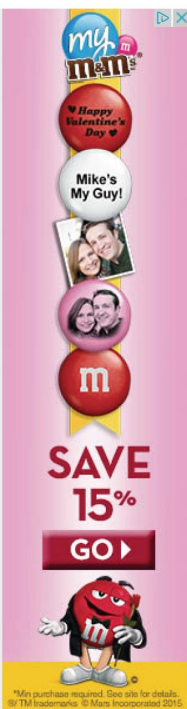
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a : a group of body organs or structures that together perform one or more vital functions—see [circulatory system](#), [digestive system](#), [endocrine system](#), [limbic system](#), [nervous system](#), [reproductive system](#), [respiratory system](#)

b : the body considered as a functional unit



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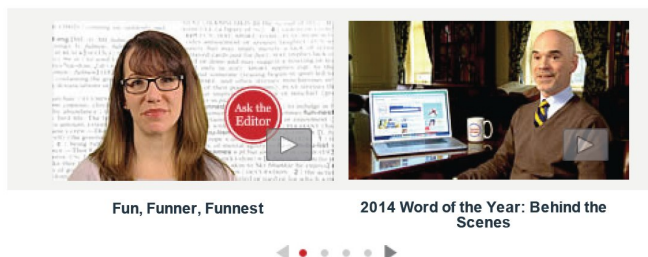


- 2 : a manner of classifying, symbolizing, or schematizing <a taxonomic system>

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Syllabification: sys·tem

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Definition of *system* in English:

noun

1A set of [connected](#) things or parts forming a [complex whole](#), in particular.

1.1A set of things working together as parts of a [mechanism](#) or an [interconnecting network](#); *the state [railroad](#) system [fluid](#) is pushed through a system of pipes or [channels](#)*

More example sentences

- The proportion of other gasses is always kept constant on the earth by the help of interconnected complex systems.
- He wanted to see the two systems actually mesh together and communicate with each other so it was possible to step off a tram and onto a train at the same platform.
- The complex of field systems and large stone walls extend from the north western slopes of Mount Brandon to within the boundaries of Dingle.
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Synonyms

structure, organization, arrangement, complex, network

informal [setup](#)

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1.2 *Physiology* A set of [organs](#) in the [body](#) with a [common](#) structure or [function](#); *the [digestive](#) system*

More example sentences

- Decreased kidney function is associated with complications in virtually all organ systems.
- This in turn enhances the delivery of oxygen and nutrients to the cells of the body helping the body systems to function to the best of

their ability.

- If you have had part of your stomach or other organs removed, this will affect your digestive system.
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1.3 The [human](#) or [animal body as a whole](#): you [need](#) to get the [cholesterol](#) out of your system

More example sentences

- No prisoner wants to be caught with drugs in their system, so they choose to shoot up rather than smoke a joint.

1.4 *Computing* A [group](#) of [related hardware](#) units or [programs](#) or both, especially when [dedicated](#) to a [single application](#).

Example sentences

- One way to get these economies is to roll up the smaller software, systems, and hardware into the larger system.
- Even when I try to get my head out of the clouds and try to focus on our Linux systems, I think application launchers.
- The software can look out over various servers and storage systems and puts all of the hardware in a single panel for the users.
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1.5 *Geology* (In [chronostratigraphy](#)) a major range of [strata](#) that [corresponds](#) to a period in time, [subdivided](#) into series.

Example sentences

- Sand-rich turbidites from two Palaeocene submarine fan systems have very different heavy mineral stratigraphic styles.
- Only the most robust biominerals survive into the fossil record, and the range of isotopic systems available to study is limited.
- Interbedded clastics also record the build-out of deltaic systems from the subaerial hinterland around the basin margins.
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1.6 *Astronomy* A [group](#) of [celestial](#) objects [connected](#) by their [mutual attractive](#) forces, especially moving in [orbits](#) about a center: *the system of bright stars known as the Gould Belt*

More example sentences

- Astronomers hope to study the structure and evolution of the Universe, and to search for planetary systems around other suns.
- The latest find is a system of three planets orbiting around a star previously thought to have only one.
- It is a nebulae system, planets and stars bobbing in and out of blue, purple, and pink stardust.
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1.7 short for [crystal system](#).

2A set of [principles](#) or [procedures according](#) to which something is done; an [organized scheme](#) or [method](#): *a multiparty system of government the public school system*

More example sentences

- The new system uses the same principles in effect all across the country.
- Critics of this three-way scheme say the system will cause more problems than it solves.
- The contents of this closet are organized according to a system I have yet to master.
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Synonyms

[method](#), [methodology](#), [technique](#), [process](#), [procedure](#), [approach](#), practice;
[means](#), [way](#), [mode](#), framework, [modus operandi](#);
[scheme](#), [plan](#), policy, program, [regimen](#), [formula](#), [routine](#)
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2.1 [Orderliness](#); [method](#): *there was no system at all in the company*

More example sentences

- We know that system is the best way forward for innovation in the field.

Synonyms

[order](#), [method](#), [orderliness](#), [systematization](#), planning, logic, routine
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2.2A [method](#) of [choosing](#) one's [procedure](#) in [gambling](#).

Example sentences

- Over the centuries, individuals have tried elaborate betting systems.
- Betting systems, that is, the manipulation of money, cannot overcome the math of craps.
- Gambling is a sea of systems floating shore to shore, like notes in bottles bobbing on the waves.
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2.3A set of rules used in [measurement](#) or classification: *the [metric system](#)*

More example sentences

- Country economic analysis and risk measurement systems should be closely regulated by managers.
- Germany used a different system of measurement of international units.
- We are also thinking of refining this game by introducing rules and a scoring system.
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2.4 (the system) The [prevailing political](#) or [social](#) order, especially when [regarded](#) as [oppressive](#) and [intransigent](#): *don't [try bucking the system](#)*

More example sentences

- Politicians who operate the system and are bounded in its frame should change, too.

- We always have the politician or the system or just good old luck to blame it all on.
- Our politicians have plundered the system for so long, corruption is so much part of life.
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Synonyms

the establishment, the administration, the authorities, [the powers that be](#);

bureaucracy, [officialdom](#);

the status quo

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3 *Music* A set of [staves](#) in a [musical score joined](#) by a brace.

Origin

early 17th century: from [French](#) *système* or [late Latin](#) *systema*, from [Greek](#) *sustēma*, from *sun-* 'with' + *histanai* 'set up'.

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- This word comes to us via Latin from Greek *sustēma*, of which the base elements are *sun-* 'with' and *histanai* 'set up'.

Phrases

get something out of one's system

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informal [Get rid of](#) a [preoccupation](#) or [anxiety](#): *she let her get the [crying](#) out of her system*

More example sentences

- Maybe drawing it will get it out of your system.
- I think, at 16, it is good to get it out of your system.
- The bottom line is that your classmates don't care how you get it out of your system, just as long as you do it when they're not forced to listen to you.
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Derivatives

systemless

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adjective

Example sentences

- I know a large number of people who prefer to game systemless.
- If you play this game systemless you've missed the boat.
- Sometimes I'm tempted to go with a systemless source book, because everyone likes different types of rules.
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